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§10:130-2.5 Domestic violence shelter services

(a) A shelter shall provide the following core services to victims of domestic violence:

1. Twenty-four-hour shelter entry;
2. Twenty-four-hour hotline and information referral;
3. Legal, financial and housing advocacy services;
4. Supportive counseling;
5. Community education, training and awareness;
6. Community networking; and
7. Children's services.

(b) Wherever possible, if requested, a shelter shall arrange referrals to appropriate authorities or agencies, to provide the following services to victims of domestic violence:

1. Emergency medical care;
2. Emergency legal assistance;
3. Emergency psychological support and counseling; and
4. Information regarding education, welfare and other available social services.

(c) The shelter staff shall advocate on behalf of the clients to assist them in receiving equitable and uniform services from agencies, including, but not limited to, the Department of Children and Families, the Department of Education, State and local public assistance agencies and local educational agencies, as well as other appropriate governmental and community-based groups or agencies.

(d) A shelter shall have an ongoing individual and group counseling programs.

(e) Shelters shall assure that nutritionally adequate meals are available to all shelter residents and accommodate special religious or medically indicated dietary needs.

(f) Shelters shall provide supportive recreational programs for sheltered children.

(g) Shelter programs shall foster positive, non-violent, parenting skills.